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Re: Application of Kenichiro NAKAJIMA
FILLED SKUTTERUDITE-BASED ALLOY, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF AND THERMOELECTRIC CONVERSION DEVICE FABRICATED USING THE ALLOY
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Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☑ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☑ two (2) sheets of drawings (figs. 1-3).
- ☑ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☑ an International Search Report, an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☑ a Preliminary Amendment.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory filing fee of $900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Since the 30-month due date fell on Sunday, February 13, 2005, the filing of this application on Monday, February 14, 2005 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Priority/ benefit is claimed from:

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Japan	2002-235312	August 13, 2002
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